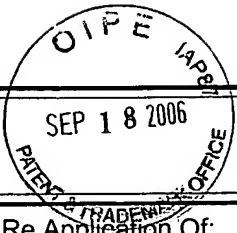
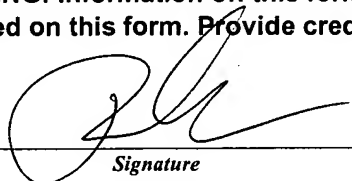
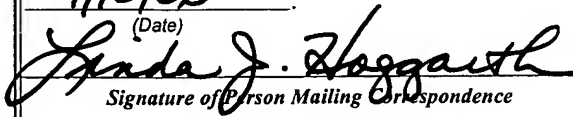


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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121 dated August 30, 2006.

This application is a 371 of PCT/IB2004/002528 filed on February 9, 2006. The application was filed with the proper transmittal and filing fee, as well as, a courtesy copy of the PCT application, drawings and amendments filed in the PCT application with the International Bureau of WIPO.

The Transmittal under 35 USC 371 indicates the attachment of the International Application and International Amendment along with the indication that the International Application had been communicated by the International Bureau. However, Applicant

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erroneously checked that amended claims were attached, rather than communicated by the International Bureau as well.

The Legal Instruments Examiner, Mr. Harold Smith, has indicated that an amendment was filed on February 9, 2006 and is considered non-compliant under 37 CFR 1.121. The undersigned attorney for applicant contacted Mr. Smith to ascertain the nature of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and discovered that Mr. Smith treated the courtesy copy of the amendment filed with WIPO as a non-compliant preliminary amendment filed concurrently with this 371 application before the USPTO. Applicant submits that such rendering of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is clearly incorrect. An amendment has not been filed for the current U.S. application serial no. 10/567,877 and the Notice should be withdrawn as incorrect and improper.

Applicant respectfully requests a Withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and believes that the application is in condition for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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